

Middletown Resource Recycling Advisory Council
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2012

Members present: Eric Frederickson, Alison Johnson, Julie Isidro, Rebecca MacLachlan, Krishna Winston.
Others present: Kim O'Rourke

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Ms. O'Rourke discussed the paper recycling bids where were recently reviewed and accepted. The City will be working with Murphy Road Recycling for both single stream materials and paper & cardboard. Members discussed having a field trip to the Berlin processing center in the spring.

Ms. O'Rourke gave an update on the proposed legislation on mattress recycling and the progress of the paint stewardship program. The paint program is scheduled to commence July 2013.

Members also discussed the preemption meeting with the Mayor. The Mayor was very interested in reducing the use of lawn care pesticides on city properties. He wanted to investigate the preemption issue further before sending a letter to the chairs of the Environment Committee.

Ms. Winston reported that the ECoin Network had developed five areas for possible work. One area will be chosen. The voting process is underway. The five areas include waste management, lawn care pesticides, energy efficiency,

Members discussed the Zero Waste Pilot program. They are anxious to get the project underway and have some results for Earth Day. They would like to expand the Green Business Initiative and include City Government (not just City Hall).

Ms. Winston suggested we create a subcommittee to work out the details of this program. Eric, Krishna & Kim will formally be on the committee, however, everyone is welcome to join the subcommittee discussions. An organizational meeting was set for January 23 at 7pm at Fisk Hall.

Members discussed the scavenging issue at the Recycling Center. They wondered if there was a way to expand the Swap Shack. They also thought we should talk to other towns regarding the liability and permit issues. Mr. Frederickson said most towns did not allow scavenging at their transfer stations. They thought at the very least we should put up a sign for the ReStore in Cromwell. Mrs. O'Rourke said she contacted the ReStore but hadn't heard back as to whether they'd be interested in taking our material.

Members reviewed the Swap Shack schedule.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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